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REWARDING METHOD

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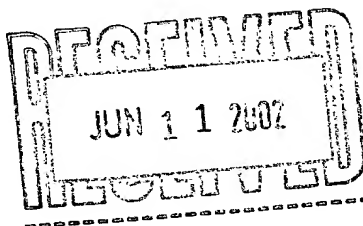
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The foregoing documents were cited in the British Search Report in applicant's corresponding British application GB 0108078.7. A copy of the British Search Report setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the examiner is attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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Respectfully submitted,

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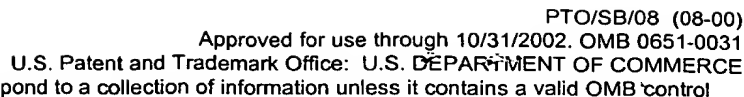
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